News briefs

TMO closure

The traffic management office closes today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for an official function. For emergencies, call 452-6645.

Blood drive

A blood drive, hosted by the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, takes place Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center.

People can walk-in or sign-up on the intranet at http://intranet.misc.signup.blooddrive/.

Volunteers are also needed to help throughout the event. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Tonya Wagner at 452-6027.

Trash news

- ■The bulk trash pick-up for the Spangdahlem Air Base housing area is Thursday.
- ■The trash disposal schedule for the Spangdahlem AB housing area changed. Dumpsters are now emptied each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

AFN outages

Europe is entering the period when sun interference causes disruptions to American Forces Network satellite transmissions.

From Saturday to Monday, the outages will be the longest in duration and the most severe. These programming interruptions are characterized by a complete loss of signal for several seconds and up to 10 minutes.

The outages happen when the sun's position aligns with broadcast satellites and Earth station receivers. The sun's radiation overpowers the broadcast signal causing this disruption of service. AFN radio and television services can be disrupted now through Oct. 13, with Saturday and Sunday being the worst days for outages.

For more information, call AFN Eifel at 452-9354 or 452-9351.

Community Bank hours

Both branches of Community Bank have shortened operating hours Oct. 22. The Bitburg Annex branch opens 10 a.m. to noon. The Spangdahlem Air Base branch opens 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Weapons load crew competition

The 52nd Fighter Wing Weapons Load Crew of the Quarter competitions take place Oct. 17 in Hangar 1. The competition begins at 7 a.m. with toolbox and equipment inspections, an academic test and a dress and appearance inspection. Weapons loading begins at 9 a.m.

The wing jammer driver of the quarter competition also takes place Oct. 17, beginning at 7 a.m., with a dress and appearance inspection followed by the driving portion of the competition starting at 10 a.m.

The awards ceremony for both competitions take place the same day in Hangar 1 at 4 p.m.

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Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook

Members of the fiscal year closeout team demonstrate the frenzy of activity they're about to encounter leading up to the funding deadline at midnight Monday. According to Capt. Judd Fussell, 52nd Fighter Wing budget officer, the annual endof-year funding event wouldn't have worked without the teamwork of the 52nd Contracting and Comptroller Squadrons, along with wing resource advisers and base supply.

Team 'flips' over fiscal year closeout

Pancake breakfast marks start of budget-zeroing all-nighter

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

"There ain't no such thing as a free meal," as the saying goes -- and members of the wing fiscal year closeout team paid for Monday morning's pancake breakfast ritual with promises to squeeze out every penny of the wing's 2002 budget before the midnight Monday deadline.

For about 20 hours straight, the closeout team comprised of wing finance, budget, contracting, supply and resource advisers, worked tenaciously to honor as many funding requests as possible out of the base's \$150 million budget. A few of the approved requests mean new computers for wing agencies, and new furnishings for airman leadership school and the base education center, said Derek Johnston, 52nd Comptroller Squadron deputy budget officer.

Extra funds identified from wing accounts and funds allocated from U.S. Air Forces in Europe resulted in another \$1.9 million for end-of-year requirements. This year, the wing purchased \$1.3 million in mission requirements and \$580,000 in quality-of-life needs. Of the \$1.9 million, more than \$315,000 was applied toward geographically-separated units mission and quality-of-life enhancements. Additionally, the wing received more than \$5.3 million in September for civil engineering projects and military family housing repairs.

"Closing the books" is an annual event Sept. 30 for federal government agencies. At midnight local time, all wing spending comes to a halt and anything that's left over returns to the U.S. Treasury.

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Base officials offer tips for fire prevention week

By Inge Lersch 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Assistant chief of fire prevention

Every fire safety team starts with firefighters -- but they can't do it alone. Effective fire safety depends on teamwork.

That's why the theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is "Team Up for Fire Safety." It's a simple idea: people should team up with those they live, work, play and worship with so everyone is better prepared to prevent, and if necessary, survive a home fire.

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, which runs Monday through Oct. 12, touches on three simple but essential safety lessons that everyone can learn:

■Installing and testing smoke alarms.

■Practicing home escape plans.

■Hunting for home hazards.

Parents and children are encouraged to complete a home fire safety inspection together, putting the campaign's messages into practice. Free home fire safety checklists, which can help families conduct a thorough inspection, are available at fire prevention office in Spangdahlem Air Base building 127.

The Spangdahlem AB Fire Department plans to increase public awareness through the following events:

■ A fire department team and Sparky will visit Spangdahlem and Bitburg Elementary Schools, childcare centers, youth centers and family day care homes.

■Poster contests at the elemetary and middle schools.

■Fire prevention specialists will give demonstrations and training to wing members.

■Fire prevention displays and signs throughout the base.

■Fire station tours upon request.

■Radio contest. Listen to Eifel 105.1, radio hosts will ask questions pertaining to fire prevention throughout the week. The person who calls in first with the correct answer wins a prize.

■A firefighter's parade takes place Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. through the Bitburg Annex housing area. The parade will be led by Sparky, and German and American fire trucks. Following the parade, there will be a display of fire

trucks in the Bitburg Middle School parking lot. There will be free hot dogs and sodas, games, prizes and handouts for children.

People tend to think they're safer from fire than they really are, particularly at home. As a result, they often lack basic information on how to prevent them. By learning where home fire dangers exist and taking some simple precautions, Team Eifel residents can greatly reduce their risk.

Make this week a time to become more fire prevention conscious. The Spangdahlem AB fire department looks forward to fire preven-

For more information, call the fire prevention section at 452-5292 or 452-5297.

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Recruiting screening team visits Spangdahlem

People interested in, vulnerable for recruiting duty invited to briefing Oct. 11

For senior airman through master sergeant with less than 16 years, the recruiter screening team may have the answer to Air Force futures. A team from Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, hosts a one-hour briefing at the base theater on Oct. 11 at 10:30 a.m.

In addition to volunteers, recruiting officials encourage those people who were identified by the Air Force Personnel Center and approved by their commander for recruiting duty to attend the briefing, as well as individuals in a mandatory retraining career field. The briefing will focus on the many benefits of being a recruiter and addresses many of the rumors associated with recruiting duty. Spouses are encouraged to attend so they fully understand the challenges and rewards of becoming a recruiter.

People with questions can call Capt. Ron Ruppel, recruiting team visit project officer at 452-6807. More information is available on the team's website www.rs.af.mil/RTR.htm or by calling the recruiter screening team point of contact, Master Sgt. Douglas Byrd at DSN 312-487-3511 or 3512 or commercial (210) 652-3511 or 3512.

Accidents

By John W. Keeler

52nd Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis

Twenty-one Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, eight of which were major.

- ■The first was on B-257 in Erdorf near the train station. An airman misjudged a curve, crossed the center lane and slid head-on into a local national's vehicle. The airman complained of neck pains and was taken to the Bitburg Emergency Room pending a complete examination. The local national was not injured. Both vehicles sustained front-end damage and were towed from the scene.
- ■The second, which involved three vehicles, was on B-50 near Albachmuehle. An airman, who was traveling toward Spangdahlem, went around a corner and found another vehicle approaching in his lane. He swerved to avoid a head-on collision, lost control of his vehicle and crashed head-on with another airman. A family member, who was traveling behind the second vehicle, was also involved. Bitburg Deutsches Rotes Kreuz transported the driver of the second vehicle, along with

his two daughters, to the Bitburg Krankenhaus. The driver was treated for bruising to the knees, and his daughters suffered minor injuries. The civilian and military member's vehicles were both disabled and towed from the scene. The family member's vehicle

sustained airbag deployment, broken headlights and dented fenders, and was driven from the scene.

The third was on B-50 between

- Spangdahlem and the first Dudeldorf exit. Investigation by security forces found that an airman was traveling on B-50 when she lost control of the vehicle, slid into a ditch and rolled. The airman was treated and released after examination. The airman's vehicle sustained disabling damage to the front tires, passenger and driver's windows and severe damage to the undercarriage of the vehicle.
- ■The fourth was at the entrance of the Bitburg High School. A civilian employee was driving on the sidewalk. He was attempting to get off the walkway, but because of the wet pavement, his vehicle continued into a pole. There were no injuries. Damage to the vehicle

happened to the driver's side front fender and hood. The frame was also bent. The incident is still under investigation.

- ■The fifth was on B-50 near the red bridge area. An airman told security forces that he entered a left turn, lost control of his vehicle, slid across the centerline and hit a guardrail. There were no injuries reported. The airman's vehicle sustained damage to the entire left front and rear side of the vehicle and was towed from the scene.
- ■The sixth was on B-50 near the Albachmuehle turnoff. An airman reported he lost control of his vehicle, spun 180 degrees and collided with a local national's vehicle. There were no injuries. The airman's vehicle sustained a cracked windshield, damaged rearend and a dented front bumper, grill and hood; and was towed from the scene. The local national's vehicle sustained damage to the front bumper with numerous dents and scratches.
- ■The seventh was on B-50 near the Speicher/Herforst turn. Security forces dis-

patched to a reported accident, and found a disabled, stranded vehicle. They tried to locate the owner, an airman, but weren't able to find him. Nearly three hours later, the airman's squadron escorted him to the law enforcement desk to make a written statement. He was then taken to the Bitburg Annex Emergency Room for a blood alcohol content test. Investigation of the incident is still pending.

■The final major accident for the week happened on A-602. An airman reported that a tractor-trailer pulled out directly in front of him while he was driving approximately 140 kph. The airman wanted to apply the brakes and change lanes, but the other lane was occupied by another tractor-trailer. He decided to drive his vehicle between the two large vehicles and ultimately hit the right truck. No one was injured and vehicle damage is unknown.

The 13 minor accidents involved:

- ■Nine from inattentive driving.
- ■Two while backing.
- Two fleeing of the scene accidents. In addition, 24 citations were issued.



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Although returning extra money wouldn't be a bad thing, the wing's valid funding requirements, such as life support equipment, typically exceeds its annual budget. With limited funds, wing leadership uses mission and quality-of-life listings to establish priorities months before closeout. Congressional funding and spending restraints increase the complexities of the entire process.

Although the closeout team works under a tight time crunch Sept. 30, the closeout process actually begins in about July when unit resource advisers begin submitting fallout fund requests, also known as "wish lists." Before closeout day, wing commanders prioritize the requests for approval if the unplanned funding should be granted by major command Sept. 30, said Master Sgt. Lisa Vaughn, 52nd CPTS financial analysis flight NCOIC.

The key to reaping fall-out fund benefits is preparation, Johnston said.

"If USAFE sends money down to us at 11 p.m. Sept. 30, we have the priority lists, the backup packages and contracting has done all the legwork — all we have to do is approve the purchase," Johnston said.

In addition to submitting funding requests early, wing agencies can also simplify the closeout process by keeping unit open document listings updated, said Vaughn.

"The same things we do during closeout, wing agencies can do before the deadline - scrubbing their accounts, looking at the open documents listing, making sure everything is flowing through the account system as it's

supposed to. That should be done throughout the year," Vaughn explained. "Then, when it comes to closeout, it'll be a lot easier because you already know where the money is"

Individual wing airmen can also help ease the pain of wing closeout, according to Tech. Sgt. David Smith, accounting liaison office NCOIC.

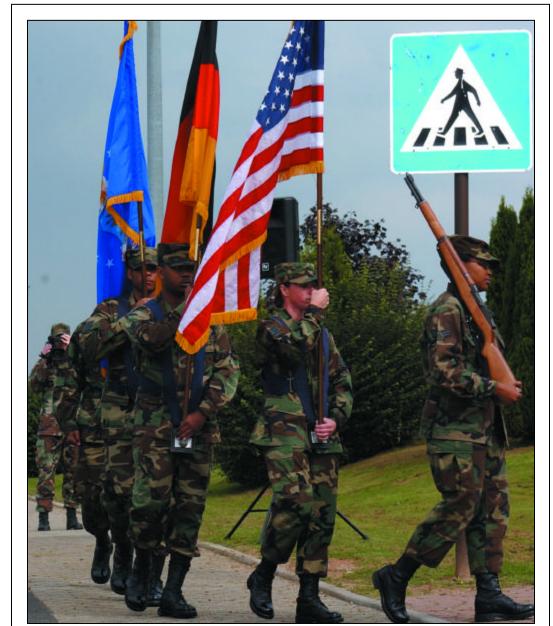
"Airmen who had orders cut, but the TDY was cancelled, can check with their orderly room before and ensure their orders were revoked," he said. "Even something as simple as this helps closeout go more smoothly."

Additionally, spending unit funds wisely throughout the year is everybody's responsibility, which can possibly add up to quality-of-life investments that can benefit the whole wing, Vaughn said.

The end-of-year benefits wouldn't be possible, however, without a lot of hard work from a big team.

"The teamwork was incredible. The folks from the 52nd Contracting Squadron, the wing's resource advisers, base supply and the 52nd Comptroller Squadron members made this a very successful effort," said Capt. Judd Fussell, 52nd Fighter Wing budget officer. "The wing's leadership made it clear that quality-of-life is a top priority. Through the extra efforts of wing members, we were able to acquire many items that will serve to increase the quality of life for the Eifel community for years to come."

Weekly closeout team meetings in August and September lead up to the big day, which often includes a nightlong potluck dinner and a "Fiscal New Year's Day" party.



Airman 1st Class Karolina Gmyrek

Remembrance ceremony

The 52nd Fighter Wing Honor Guard carries the colors during the wing's Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Remembrance Day ceremony at Memorial Park Sept. 20.

Career assistance adviser helps airmen on fact-finding mission

Enlisted adviser helps those at cross roads

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

There seems to be a prevailing thought that airmen separating from active duty can land a job in the civilian sector starting at a \$50,000 annual salary, according to Master Sgt. Daniel Beasley, 52nd Fighter Wing career assistance

"My job is to help inform troops of the facts about Air Force benefits and dispel the myths so they'll know what their options really are," said the 18-year active-duty veteran.

The goal isn't to discourage members from "going civilian," but to reveal the facts about what the Air Force and the civilian job market offers based on realism, rather than hearsay, Beasley said.

To reach as many of the approximately 120 airmen who qualify for reenlistment annually, Beasley visits wing agencies weekly and talks to people at the clubs on weekends, in addition to individual appointments. To reach a wider audience, the career adviser shares advice on AFN radio as often as possible.

Beasley also encourages supervisors to begin speaking with airmen who are one year out from their separation date about their career options.

"Before troops walk out the door for good,

supervisors should take time to sit down with airmen and find out what they want to do," he said. "If it's a civilian comparative job, get resumes made at the family support center and send them out. The goal is to try to help troops find out what's really available out there. We have supervisors who take a proactive approach to this and as a result, some airmen have decided to stay in the Air Force."

In addition to gathering and sharing information with fellow advisers, Beasley commonly researches the Internet for facts airmen can use to make the career decision that's best for them.

Recently, a wing member coming up on his date of separation visited Beasley and told him of a friend who was going to try to get him a job at the company where he's employed. The adviser pulled up the city pay scale on the Internet.

"The fact was, according to the information we found, the starting salary was \$23,800 for a firefighter with four years of on the job experience. Not the \$62,000 starting salary this airman was hoping for," Beasley said.

"Everyone seems to be in the mindset that on the outside, people are making \$55,000-\$85,000 walking in the door. By tapping into the Internet and calling the companies, supervisors can help airmen find out the facts before they make a career decision," the adviser said.

The CAA can also help airmen who are interested in other military options find infor-



Master Sgt. Daniel Beasley, 52nd Fighter Wing career assistance adviser, talks with a group of airmen in the First Term Airmen Center recently.

mation on the Air National Guard and Reserve, or retraining and special-duty assignment possibilities.

At times when offering guidance, Beasley said he also taps into his own family's experiences. Before joining the military, Beasley worked in the civilian sector and his spouse, who was formerly active duty, got out of the military to go to nursing school.

"We ate bags of potatoes and had no vacation for years to get her through school - and I had a regular income," he recalled. "When an airman is making a career decision, the most important thing when considering separating or reenlisting is to have the facts."

People interested in discussing the future with Beasley can call him at 452-6071, 452-7289 or 0175-5208442 to set up an appoint-

Beasley also offers small or large shop career advisement workshops at various hours so he can meet with people on all shifts.

Eifel Elite



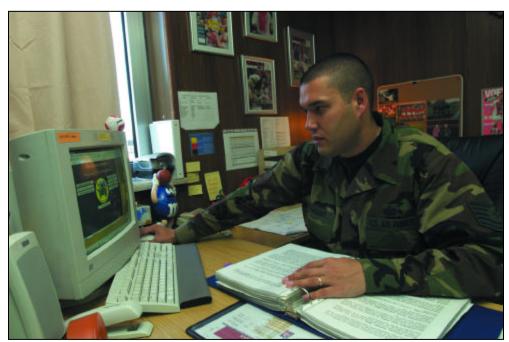
The members of the 52nd Operations Support Squadron Mission Planning Cell make up this week's Top Saber Team.

Top Saber Team

Unit name: 52nd Operations Support Squadron Wing Mission Planning Cell Unit responsibilities: The mission planning cell becomes a responsibility of wing weapons and tactics during exercise and contigency operations. The MPC develops mission briefs and mission materials for the 52nd Fighter Wing based on higher headquarters air tasking orders. Primary responsibilities include threat assessment, electronic combat analysis, as well as route selection and tactics development. This information is then incorporated into mass briefings and combat mission folders for A-10 and F-16 pilots.

Number of members: Seven members from 52nd OSS wing weapons and tactics; seven members from 52nd OSS intelligence.

How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission? The MPC plays a major role in the wing's mission to promote stability and thwart aggression. When the 52nd Fighter Wing is tasked to deploy and/or employ airpower, weapons and tactics and intel work to provide the wing's A-10 and F-16 pilots the critical information necessary to accomplish their mission -- anywhere, anytime.



Tech. Sgt. William Vincent, 52nd Services Squadron, is this week's Top Saber Performer.

Top Saber Performer

Name: Tech. Sgt. William Vincent

Unit/duty title: 52nd Services Squadron readiness training manager

Hometown: Den Haag, Netherlands

Time in service: 13 years

Contributions to the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission success: Technical Sergeant Vincent initiated and developed numerous exercise scenarios, keeping the 52nd SVS unit control center ready to respond to Operational Readiness Inspection Inspector General injects, according to Senior Master Sgt. Andy Flores, 52nd SVS.

Off duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Youth services soccer and baseball coach.

What do you do for fun? Or, what's a fun thing you've done lately? Spend time with my wife and two sons, visit Holland and support my soccer team. What do you like most about being stationed here? I'm close to family and friends. I love being in Europe.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base: I'd like to get a landscaping contract to cut the grass around the squadrons.

Feature

Airman 1st Class Karolina Gmyrek
George Wolfe, 52nd Communications Squadron, sets the ball to help win a volleyball game against the 52nd **Contracting Squadron**

Team Eifel 'sports' athleticism



The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron team struggles to tow the line in the tug-of-war event against the 606th Air Control Squadron team during the wing Sports Day Sept. 27. People participated in everything from bowling to horseshoes and racquetball to golf. Sponsors provided free water, as well as prizes for first and second place finsihers in each of the 15 events. Sports Day trophies went to the 52nd CES and 606th ACS for most points in the large and small categories. Units accumulated points for each participant, by hosting an event and first, second and third place finishes.



Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook

Golf was one of several events offered during Sports Day Sept. 27. More than 2,000 people participated in the wing-wide event. According to Tech. Sqt. Billy Ray, 52nd Services Squadron chief of fitness center operations, Sports Day was a huge success, the biggest ever held by the wing.



After Sports Day events concluded, wing members were treated to a cookout at the bowling center pavilions. The cookout was to celebrate the end of the recent Operational Readiness Inspection, the end of the summer safety campaign and, of course, Sports Day.



Staff Sgt. Karen Z. Silcott



Community Mailbox

Chapel training

The 52nd Fighter Wing Chapel closes Tuesday for staff training. In case of emergency, call the command post 452-6141, who will contact the duty chaplain.

AFSA nominations

Air Force Sergeant's Association Saber Chapter 1681 accepts nominations for 2003 officers. Elections take place in November during the general membership meeting. Call Staff Sgt. Nancy Barron-Palumbo at 452-6390 to submit names.

SSEMC meeting

The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Military Club meets Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the Holz Wurm Gausthaus in Gransdorf. Call 06565-933347 to reserve seats.

Preschool groups

Mothers of Preschoolers is a chapel ministry which provides mothers and preschoolers the opportunity to meet on the first and third Monday each month. Meetings take place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Spangdahlem Air Base building 139. Call the chapel at 452-6711, 452-6281 for details.

Academic adviser visits

An academic adviser from the University of Maryland University College visits the base education office Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students can register for an appointment with the adviser by calling 452-6637 or 452-7552.

Community Bank hours

The Bitburg Annex Community Bank branch revised hours are Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with no closure during lunch hours.

Spouses meeting

The 52nd Communications Squadron Spouses Group meets Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Spangdahlem Air Base building 132. The meeting features a soup and salad meal and craft time.

SES PTSA event

The Spangdahlem Elementary School Parent, Teacher and Student Association International Nibble Fest takes place Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. Event organizers seek volunteers to sponsor a country, which includes preparing food, setting up an information booth and showcasing that country's customs and traditions. Call Kathy Adams at 06563-960185 to volunteer for this school fundraising event.

Family support

The following events take place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 307. Call 452-9491 to register.

- ■Preseparation consultation, Monday from 9-10:30 a.m.
 - ■Resume writing, Tuesday from 5-7 p.m.
- ■Predeployment briefing for military and family members, Tuesday and Oct. 15 from 8-9 a.m.
 - ■Home buying, Oct. 15 from 6-8 p.m.
- ■German bills made easy, Oct. 17 from 8-
- ■Sponsor training, Oct. 17 from 3-4:30
- ■Travel to Trier by train, Oct. 18. Meet at the Spangdahlem Air Base commissary parking lot at 7:45 a.m. Open to all military ID card holders.

The following workshops take place in Bitburg Annex building 2001.

- ■Creative critters, Monday from 10-11 a.m.
- ■Predeployment briefing for active-duty and family members, Wednesday and Oct. 16 from 8-9 a.m.
- ■Financial planning, Thursday from 6-8 p.m.
- ■Spouses orientation, Oct. 11 from 9 a.m.
- ■Transition Assistance Program, Oct. 15, 16 and 17 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ■Cooking Club features Asian recipes, Oct. 16 from 6-8 p.m.
 - ■Basic investing, Oct. 17 from 6-8 p.m.

La Leche League

A meeting for breastfeeding mothers takes place Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex conference room. Nurslings and children are welcome to attend. Call Margaret Loffelman at 06565-7555 or Alice DaFoe at 06561-683893 for details.

Part lot closure

The 52nd Services Squadron Skill Development Used Parts Lot closes permanently Oct. 12 at 5 p.m.

Christmas ornaments

The 2002 Christmas ornaments "Porta Nigra-Trier," by Robert Wilson, are available for purchase at the Spangdahlem Air Base post office Oct. 7 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also available is "Airman's Memorial." Each

ornament costs \$8. Call Franny Rogers at 06562-974632 for details.

Community activities center

The following events take place in the Spangdahelem Air Base Community Activities Center in building 124. Call 452-7381 for more information.

- ■Chess classes takes place Saturday from 2-3 p.m. for beginners and 3-4 p.m. for intermediate players. Classes are free. Call to register.
- Hispanic Late Nighter dance begins at 9 p.m. Oct. 13. The event features free salsa and meringue lessons, and Hispanic food.
- ■ACT-Eifel presents "Dead Man's Hand" Oct. 18-20 and 25-26. A special wine and cheese tasting show takes place Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$4 for children 12 and younger. All other shows cost \$8 for adults, \$4 for children.
- ■"Rocky Horror Picture Show," Oct. 31 from 7-11 p.m. Event features movie, dancing and door prizes. Movie is rated R, adults must accompany youth younger than 17. Cost is \$2 or free for customers dressed as movie characters.

Officer study program

The Olmsted Scholarship program chooses about five line officers annually to study a foreign language at an overseas university for two years. Visit www.afas.afpc.Randolph.af.mil/pme for details. Applications must reach the Air Force Personnel Center by Oct. 15. Call Tech. Sgt. Michael Grandison at DSN 665-2103 or 665-2576 for more information.

Support groups

Helping Hands, a support group for parents of children with special needs such as autistic spectrum disorders, pervasive developmental disorders and Down's syndrome, meets Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in Spangdahlem Air Base building 427.

Free dinner and childcare will be provided. For more information, call Capt. Michelle Ambrose at 452-8238 or 06565-958238.

Craft classes

The following classes take place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 189. Call the Craft Corner at 452-4141 or visit the shop located next to the base commissary to register.

- ■Beginner tole painting, Oct. 14 or 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$12, plus the cost of wood.
- ■Framing, Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$15, plus supplies.
- ■Beginner scrapbooking, Oct. 21 and 28 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$20, plus supplies.

The following classes take place in Bitburg Annex building 2001.

■Basket weaving, Oct. 15 from 5-9 p.m.

Cost is \$25, plus \$15 for supplies.

■Tole painting, Oct. 29 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$20, plus the cost of wood.

Library news

- ■Special storytime with Sparky the Firedog, Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Spangdahlem Air Base Library. Sparky teaches children fire safety and prevention. Call 452-6203 for details.
- ■Children's storytime, each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Bitburg Annex Library. Call 452-9056 for details.
- ■Youth ghost story contest, submissions accepted through Oct. 31 at Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex libraries. Stories will be judged in age categories. Call 452-6203 or 452-6970 for details.
- ■Reading group, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex Library. Meet with others the last Tuesday of each month who are reading featured books. October's book is "Nothing is Impossible: Reflections on a New Life," by Christopher Reeve. Call 452-9056 for details.

Pet care news

The Pet Spa is located in Oberweiss building 1044. Call 452-9362 for more information or to register.

- ■Puppy training, each Tuesday Oct. 15-Nov. 19 from 7-8 p.m.
- ■Beginning obedience, each Tuesday Oct. 15-Nov. 19 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- ■PCSing pets must have a health certificate signed by a veterinarian and dated no more than 10 days before travel. All shots must be current.
- ■Transportation to the Pet Spa kennels takes place each Wednesday. Registration deadline is (close of business) Tuesday. The bus departs Spangdahlem Air Base lodging at 5:15 p.m. and Bitburg Annex lodging at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per family.

Holiday bazaar news

Volunteers are needed for the Eifel holiday bazaar Nov. 15-17. For more information, or to volunteer, call Kelli Owens at 06571-147977.

Non-profit organizations interested in hosting an informational booth at the holiday bazaar should call Lisa Bruce at 06575-903429 or e-mail thebruces@t-online.de. Those interested should respond by Monday.

Spain trip

The Evangel Temple Fellowship Church sponsors a seven-day trip to Spain Nov. 10-16. The cost for the trip, which visits Barcelona, Madrid, Bordeaux and more, is 400 euro per person. For more information or to sign up. call Staff Sgt. Eunice Porter at 06565-942156 or Staff Sgt. Latitia Austin at 06580-917809.

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- ■Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254.

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Number of days since last DUI:

11

You have a choice. Call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 452-2233.

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Perspective

All contributions vital to success of AF mission

By Lt. Col. Jack Davidson 14th Flying Training Wing

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. —

In the past year we have seen America endure the disbelief, grief, anger, resolve and steps toward restitution.

So what do we do now? The answer will appear in our actions that affect the future.

America has grown tremendously in the past 12 months — a testament to our people, our commitment and our nation. We have a renewed sense of patriotism and a fire to deal justice to those who have wronged our brethren.

In his State of the Union address Jan. 29, President George W. Bush stated, "We want to be a nation that serves goals larger than self. We have a unique opportunity, and we must not let this moment pass."

Our contribution may seem small to the war on terrorism, but each and every one of us is vital to the success of the United States.

What can we do? One answer lies in achieving a sense of purpose and mission. We are all critical to the success of our mission: to create the world's best military aviators.

How can we contribute? Here are a few practical ways to be part of something larger than self.

First, unit mission accomplishment should form the foundation for our professional behavior and attitude. Start with knowing the unit mission. It is critical to accomplishing it. Then, know your job and the tasks to complete your job. Focusing on the fundamentals of our job enhances core mission achievement.

I once knew a pilot who had the best looking

flight briefings, but when it came time to talk, he did not practice his briefs and consequently he could not communicate very well.

His job performance suffered because he did not prioritize what was important. Do I think first how my tasks will affect me or, rather, how they will affect the unit's mission? Am I sacrificing my own standards to make something happen? Are my priorities vested in the United States, the Air Force and the unit before myself? Concentrate on what matters most.

Second, when accomplishing a task, think about your role in the unit mission and how it fits into the larger picture.

It's easy to perform a task without regard to how it fits into the larger picture. If you are a supervisor, take time to explain how the job or task fits into the mission. Ask your boss questions when you do not understand how a task or job fits into the mission. Imagine yourself as your boss or your boss' boss reviewing the task or job, and ask yourself what he or she would think.

When you write a talking paper, don't write it just to spit out information. Write it for a target audience. Figure out what your supervisor would do differently if he or she were going to do it. Ensure it meets his or her intent and advances the unit toward mission accomplishment. Find out if there is a better way to do it and determine how your action impacts other units and agencies.

Third, innovation is crucial to vaulting the organization to meeting its goals. So many times I've met resistance to change — "That's the way we've always done it" or "What's broken?"

If we say "Pound this square peg into a round

hole until it fits," we are not taking the time to find a better and easier way to establish the goal and let the experts figure out how to get there. The creative person who thinks outside the container, asks questions and does not stick to the norms established by others is often more productive than the person with the biggest hammer.

It involves change, risk and trust. When was the last time your boss said, "This is what I would like to see, you figure out how to get there?"

Finally, focusing on mission success means steering the steady course. Everyone needs to understand the unit mission and the goals to get there. Planning ahead is critical to steering the steady course. Look more than six inches in front of you and you may not bump into the wall.

When all we do is react, the boat flounders. Planning ahead creates stability and predictability and propels the unit to mission success. Steering the steady course allows everyone to stand back and look for ways to make it better. Everyone knows the boat's destination.

Although we are not in Afghanistan or some other country carrying out the war on terrorism, we are all vital to the Air Force mission. Sometimes we may feel like we want to help, but do not know how.

Our battle with terror is a year old, and it is a marathon. We contribute by focusing on our unit mission and job fundamentals. Through innovation, steering the steady course and planning ahead, we enhance success at every level. When we look to the future as an opportunity to move forward we become part of something larger than self. (Air Force Print News)

Drinking and driving

Consequences of a DUI from an airman who knows

By Airman 1st Class Johnny Thompson

31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy -- On April 27, I got a DUI (driving under the influence charge).

I started my evening by drinking with some people in the dorms for a going away. I later went to a local club off base for an hour or so and left about 2:30 a.m.

It was raining hard and I was halfway home when I ran through a water puddle and my car veered to the right. I overcorrected to the left and my car flipped over three times and ended up on the other side of the road in a field upside down.

All I could think about was my wife and kids. I was trapped inside my car, the power was off, and for a minute I thought my windows were rolled up. I realized the back window on the passenger side was down and I was able to crawl out.

Thanks to God I didn't have a scratch on me. I remember talking to

someone who has a friend, who had an accident similar to mine, but he wasn't so lucky. Since I was under the influence of alcohol my reflexes were slow, and I just went with the flow. My blood alcohol content was .20, which was more than two times the legal limit.

After the accident I started really thinking. Not just about my career, but how my actions affected my family and could have affected the families of others.

I couldn't stop asking myself, "Why was I so irresponsible? What if I had died? What if I had hit someone else and what if they had kids in the car? How would my wife explain to my kids what happened and how selfish their father was?"

Right now I'm just trying to get my life back together and be the father, husband, and the kind of airman that I should be.

I will say that drinking and driving is very serious. Before you drink

and drive, try to think, I mean really think, about yourself, your family, friends and about others you could have endangered by your actions. Think about the affect it would have on them. I was lucky. I am still alive and able to be with my family, and tell my story; someone else might not be so lucky.

That one night changed my life. My mistake hurt my career and my family. I received an Article 15 and my commander punished me by taking a stripe. I was a senior airman with six years in the military. I now am an airman first class. I also was given 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

It will take me 18 months to put senior airman back on and the loss in pay of \$283.80 a month over the next 18 months will be approximately \$5,108.40.

In addition, I lost my driving privileges for a year. I am lucky, however, because I still have my life, my wife has a husband, and my children still have their father.

It will be a long hard process to keep my career and family in a positive shape, but I will do everything I can to get back on my feet. It took an incident like this for me to really think about my life, my family, and the lives of others on the road.

As a member of the Air Force, I hear the briefings, I see the AFN (American Forces Network) spots, I read the articles about not drinking and driving, but it took an experience like this to realize that it is simply not worth the risk of driving a vehicle or even getting into a vehicle when the driver has had just one drink.

In my situation, I simply quit drinking. Be responsible, use common sense, and listen and learn from my experience, and hopefully my story can save your career, and most of all save someone else's and your life. (U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated. More synopsis information is available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Bitburg Castle

Today

Simone (PG-13)

Starring Al Pacino and Chris Coppola. A disillusioned movie producer's lead actress abruptly drops out of his film. Unbeknownst to the public, he replaces her with computer-generated starlet, Simone. Swept up by instant success, he cannot bear to admit his fraud. (Sensuality.)

Saturday

Reign of Fire (PG-13)

Starring Matthew McConaughey and Christian Bale. In present-day London, 12-year-old Quinn watches as his mother wakes an enormous fire-breathing beast from its centuries-long slumber. Twenty years later, the beast and its offspring have scarred much of the world. As a fire chief, Quinn is responsible for warding off the beasts and keeping a community alive as they eke out a meager existence in the English countryside. Into their midst comes a hotshot American who says he has a way to kill the beasts and save mankind. (Violence.)

Sunday

Simone

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Crocodile Hunter (PG)

Starring Steve and Terry Irwin. In the outback and through the bush, the Crocodile Hunter is out to save a gorgeous croc and relocate him. It won't be easy, but if he can handle bird-eating spiders and venomous snakes without getting bitten, secret agents shouldn't be too much of a problem. It's a little beauty! (Violence and language.)

Thursday

Reign of Fire

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Serving Sara (PG-13)

Starring Elizabeth Hurley and Matthew Perry. When Sara is served divorce papers while she is in New York, she's stunned. Not about to lose the fortune she amassed with her self-serving Texas husband, she makes an offer to her process server, Joe that sets them off on a wild trip across the country. (Crude humor, sexual content and language.)

K-19: The Widowmaker (PG-13, 10 p.m.)

Starring Harrison Ford and Liam Neeson. This is the true story of the USSR's first nuclear ballistic submarine, K-19, which on June 4, 1961, while sailing in the North Atlantic, discovered that the cooling system of the reactor had failed, leading to a possible nuclear meltdown. (Disturbing images.)

Saturday

Serving Sara

Eight Legged Freaks (PG-13, 10 p.m.)

Starring David Arquette and Kari Wuhrer. A group of spiders is exposed to a noxious chemical that causes the arachnids to grow and grow. They get big and they get mean. (Violence, sexuality and language.)

Sunday

Men in Black II (PG-13)

Starring Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith. Kay and Jay reunite to provide our best, last and only line of defense against a sinister seductress who levels the toughest challenge yet to the MIB's untarnished mission statement: protecting the earth from the scum of the universe. (Violence and provocative humor.)

Monday

Eight Legged Freaks

Tuesday

Serving Sara

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Fimes and movies are subject to change For the most current information, call 452-9441.

Fall harvest brings time for enjoyment

Autumn in the Eifel offers various activities

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Autumn in Germany marks the beginning of the grape harvesting season and wine festivals, especially in the Eifel region.

Vinters along the Mosel River will soon start harvesting the first crop of Riesling grapes. Throughout harvest time, farmers often seek help, which opens a prime opportunity for Americans to experience harvesting first-hand.

In Germany, it's acceptable to stop by a winegrower's home and offer harvesting help. Often, helpers are rewarded with a traditional German meal or a few bottles of the vintner's wine.

Autumn is also an ideal time to hike through local forests and enjoy the changing color of the leaves.

For people who enjoy bicycling, the season is also a perfect time to ride forest trails in Binsfeld, Spangdahlem and Landscheid.



Courtesy pho

Volksmarching is a popular leisure sport in Germany, which requires no special training. People interested in meeting new people and seeing more of their host country can join the Eifel Wanderers by calling Theresa Stevens at 06569-963184.

In the forest, hikers and bicyclists may see local residents hunting for mushrooms. Although it's dangerous to consume unfamiliar mushrooms, it can still be a lot of fun to go mushroom hunting with an experienced guide.

Out and About

(Note: Events are subject to change at short notice. To double-check on an event prior to attending, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. Tourist office agents, who usually speak English, can say whether an event was canceled.)

■The "Nëssmoort" nut fair, a unique market and folk festival takes place Sunday in Luxembourg.

At the festival, nuts in all shapes and combinations can be found. Items such as nut cake, nut bread, nut art and nut brandy are sold in the streets of this quaint little town.

During the past years, the nut fair has become a popular event, attracting thousands of visitors from Luxembourg and Germany.

While music bands and folk groups entertain visitors, people can stroll through town and enjoy the festival. Vianden will be crowded that day.

Plan to arrive early to find a good parking spot.

A castle and other touristic sites, can be found in Vianden and the surrounding area.

- ■A German wine harvesting festival takes place now through Oct. 14 on Neustadt an der Weinstrasse.
- ■Trier sponsors its annual Thanksgiving Festival and Farmer's Market Saturday in front of the Porta Nigra.
- ■Visit a flea market Sunday at the Daun Bahnhof; inside and outside the Kroev Mittel Mosel hall; at the Kyllburg industrial area; on Trier-West Hornstrass; at the Uerzig festival grounds; at the Zeltingen-Rachtig festival grounds, and at the Koblenz Alte Vieh market hall.
 - ■Bitburg sponsors a sales market Oct. 11 at the Beda Platz.
- ■Munich's October festival is in full swing now through Sunday.
- ■Bitburg sponsors a farmer's market Oct. 13. Stores will be open between 1-3 p.m. that Sunday.
 - ■The popular Mayen Lucas market takes place Oct. 15-16.
- See digital photos by Irmingard Bauschke now through Oct. 13 at the Bitburg Beda Haus cultural center. The exhibition takes place Tuesday through Saturday from 3 to 6 p.m. and Sundays and holidays from 2 to 6 p.m. The display is closed on Monday.
- ■A classical concert, featuring compositions by Mozart, takes place Oct. 13 at 6 p.m. in the Pruem Basilika church.
- ■Visit a flea market Oct. 13 at the Daun Café Classico; at the Daun-Puetzborn borderland market; at the Hermeskeil Kirmes festival grounds; along the Kinheim Mosel shore; at the Piesport Moseltal hall and in the Trier Messe parking lot.

- ■Bruce Springsteen performs Oct. 20 at the Berlin Velodron. This is their only concert in Germany.
- ■See Barclay James Harvest in concert Oct. 18 at the Losheim am See Eisenbahn hall.
- ■Attend the Moselland Exhibition 2002, the biggest trade and entertainment fair of the region, which takes place today through Sunday at the Trier Moselauen fairgrounds. Entry is 4 euro for adults.
- The Munich Kirchweihdult festival and market takes place Oct. 19-27. The event features various forms of entertainment.
- ■Trier's annual Allerheilen Messe fair features rides and entertainment Oct. 25 through Nov. 3.
- ■Plan a shopping trip to Trier on Oct. 27. Stores open 1-6 p.m. that day. Entertainment is also scheduled.
- ■Halloween Parties and Fun Days takes place Oct. 26-31 at the Gondorf Eifel Park. Events start at 5 p.m. and run late into the night. Cost is 7.50 euros when in advance or 9 euros at the door. For more information about the event or Gondorf Eifel Park, call 06565-956633 or visit www.eifelpark.de.

Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in October.

People should register for trips at least three days in advance. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activity Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex ITT office at 06561-945937 for details.

- ■Karlsbad and Flea market shopping, Oct. 11-12. Cost is \$60 for single seat, \$90 for double seat.
- Heidelburg Bazaar, Oct. 12. Cost is \$20 for children, \$25 for adults.
 - ■Medieval dinner at Cochem Castle, Oct. 12. Cost is \$65.
- ■Berlin, Oct. 12-13. Cost is \$134 for ages 3-12, \$159 for adults.
- ■Poland shopping express, Oct. 18-19. Cost is \$80 for single seat, \$110 for double seat.
- ■Paris delight, Oct. 19-20. Cost is \$134 for ages 3-12 and \$189 for adults.
- Frankenstein's Castle and Halloween party, Oct. 26. Cost is \$39.
- Halloween at Disneyland, Oct. 26. Cost is \$69 for ages 3-11 and \$79 for adults.
 Halloween at Six Flags, Belgium, Oct. 26. Cost is \$49 for
- ages 3-9 and \$54 for adults.

 ■Frankenstein's Castle Family Day, Oct. 27. Cost is \$25 for ages 3-10, \$35 for adults.

Group runs marathon in Spang pilot's memory

By Capt. Angela Johnson 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

In April, I decided to prepare, train and run my first marathon ever in memory of my husband Capt. Luke A. Johnson, who died here on March 20 in an F-16 crash. We had planned to run a marathon together. I trained while I was in Bosnia and he was going to train during his deployment to Turkey.

Unfortunately, we won't be able to run a marathon together. But, I needed to have a goal and something to work toward, so I chose to run the marathon. Together with a group of family and friends, I began to train for the Berlin Marathon, which took place Sunday.

Throughout the days and months, my friends and family from around the world trained with me for the marathon. Some traveled hours on the weekends and woke up very early to run with me, while others sent encouraging e-mails and cards and called me on the phone. With their encouragement, I managed to train for the marathon — running my max of 18 miles twice as my training program called for.

The day of the marathon was upon us and some great friends were there to support me, some in person and some in spirit. Luke's mom, Sandy; brother, Max; and family friend, Ginger Kuhlmann; traveled from the United States to run and walk with me. Emily VanArman's mom Debbie and her friend, Jinny Hazen, were also there from the states to support us.

We got up early the day of the marathon and I tried to eat some breakfast, but unfortunately I was too nervous to eat so I ended up going to the bathroom instead. A group of 13



The group friends and family prior to running the Berlin Marathon in memory of Capt. Luke A. Johnson.

of us left the hotel to go to marathon. There were six runners, four walkers and three in our cheering section. The night prior, we made a flag to carry with us for the marathon.

The starting area was pretty chaotic with more than 41,000 participants. We decided that before we all split up we should get a

photo with our flag and hand off our warm clothes to Alex Ralson, Todd Langenfeld and Thomas VanArman - our cheering section.

The race kicked off at 9 a.m. with a loud roar of the participants and the releasing hundreds of balloons; however, we didn't cross the starting line until about 9:10 a.m. as we

were pretty far back. We started with six runners together - Emily VanArman, Max Johnson, Jill Metzger, Elizabeth Ortiz, Troy Erwin and myself. The four walkers were also off with Sandy, Ginger, Debbie and Jinny.

The start was crowded, so the pace was relatively slow with 41,000 marathoners. We ran along with the large crowd, holding our flag high. The dark blue letters visualized our cause ... "Luke's Marathon Team" on one side and on the other side, "Blue Skies," a term used by sky divers and always used by Luke. Throughout the marathon, we ended up losing a couple of people, but we would find each other with the flag. Jill, Max, Emily and I ran the entire 26.2 miles as a team, carrying our flag together.

There were times throughout the marathon when I would get tired or sore and start to slow down, but then we would come up on a group of people cheering us along. We would hear them commenting on our sign or cheering for our cause, which motivated me to pick up the pace. During those times, my teammates would tell me to slow down and keep the pace to endure the entire distance and pre-

Many people in the crowd would read our sign and cheer for Luke as well, so we knew he was running right there with us!

We finished our race in around 4 hours and 30 minutes and we accomplished our goal to run a marathon in Luke's honor. Six of us crossed the line together, all carrying that flag, which traveled the 26.2 miles or 42.175 km the entire distance. It was an honor to run in my first marathon in his memory.

Bitburg High School runners set seven records

By Geary Schwartz Bitburg High School

Bitburg High School's Cross Country set seven records at an eigh-team meet Saturday at the International School of Brussels.

Both the course layout and weather conditions throughout the day were ideal for fast times. The Barons took full advantage, establishing seven personal best and two seasonal best records out of the nine team members who participated in the competition.

Girls

Ramie Gibson topped teammate Kirstin Pope by a mere two seconds for team honors, both placing in the Top Ten for the

second consecutive week. Gibson and Pope also bettered the 23:00 qualifying mark for the season-ending European Championship Race Oct. 26 at Ramstein High School.

Gibson placed ninth with a personal best time of 22:36. Pope placed 10th in 22:38, a seasonal best time for the third consecutive week. Casey Martin (36th, 26:03) improved by 36 seconds and Madeline Munitz (46th, 27:07) improved by 13 seconds, both establishing personal best times.

As a team, Bitburg was incomplete due to an absence, an accident and an illness. In all, 54 girls participated in the race.

Steve Gutschow blazed to 20th place to finish with a seasonal best time of 19:52, leading Bitburg to a sixth place team

placing. Joel Parker moved into the Bitburg team No. 2 position, completing the 5K course in a personal best time of 22:19 and 54th place overall. Ray Lichtenberger broke through his personal best, recording a 57th place finish in a new record time of 22:29. Chris Lyng (25:29) and Brian Mezger (29:12) both established personal bests while finishing in 75th and 80th place, respectively. Jacob McMahan was overcome with cramps and was unable to complete the race. In all, 80 boys competed in the race.

Top three improvements went to: Gibson (1:19), Lichtenberger (1:11), and Pope (1:05).

This weeknd the team travels to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe for the second time this season to participate in a 10-team meet.

Baron varsity football team wins league opener

After allowing touchdown, Barons win against AFNORTH 23-6

By Rik Carr

Bitburg High School Football Coach

The Bitburg Barons football team dashed AFNORTH's hopes of a homecoming victory 23-6 Saturday, yet allowed its opposing team to score first for the third straight week.

However, that would be the only scoring the Lions would get as Bitburg's defense shut down the powerful running attack of former Bitburg player Ryan Butler. Butler was the lone scorer and rushed well during the contest, but was denied the end zone after the first Lion drive.

This was Bitburg's first league game and

they showed they are contenders for the Division II North crown.

Quarterback BJ Phillips got the Barons on the board in the first quarter on a 1-yard quarterback keeper. The extra point was blocked and the score was 6-6 as the first quarter

In second quarter play, a Jeremy Poncefumble recovery gave the Barons the ball. They drove it to the Lion 16 yard-line before Phillips hit tight end Anthony Fornicola with a strike. Place-kicker Andy Flores kicked the extra point and the Barons went up 13-6.

Another Phillips-to-Fornicola pass almost resulted in a touchdown as Fornicola rumbled 65 yards, but was stopped on the 4 yard-line. A penalty pushed the Barons back and as time was running out in the half, Flores, with holder Tom Mueller, kicked a 24-yard field goal, sending the Barons in at halftime with a 16-6 lead.

A quieter Lion homecoming crowd saw a scoreless third period as defenses ruled. In the fourth-quarter, again it was Phillips to Fornicola, this time on a 21-yard touchdown pass. Flores added another extra point and the Barons sealed the victory 23-6.

Ponce, Devon Gardner and Phillips were the leading rushers with 61, 40, and 36 yards. Fornicola was the big receiver catching three passes from Phillips for two touchdowns and 102 yards. Phillips also showed his punting abilities booming two punts 40-plus yards.

Defensively it was linebackers and team captains Ponce and Braden Blake who teamed up for 19 tackles and shut down the powerful running attack of AFNORTH.

Defensive tackle Randy VanGinkel added a fumble recovery and several assist tackles. Assisting VanGinkel on the line were Scott Parry, Jeremy Wooten, Jeff Graves, Fornicola,

and Ryan Thomas. Defensive backs Billy Coker, Flores and Rob Gibson limited the Lions to one reception in 10 attempts.

In junior varsity Baron action it was another victory for the JV as they played their first full game and downed the JV Lions 6-0. Quarterback Trey Wilson went in on a quarterback keeper for the only score of the game.

The Barons host the International School of Brussels; who are 4-0 and 1-0 in league play Saturday. This will be a battle for the North Division crown and a possible hosting of a division II playoff.

This is also Parent Appreciation Day — a day that the team honors parents with a rose and family picture. This gets under way at 11:30 a.m. The varsity game kicks-off at 1 p.m. and the JV game follows.